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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: REVIEW, PURSUANT TO THE SAME ARTICLE, OF THE REPORT OF THE GLOBAL MECHANISM ON ITS ACTIVITIES, AND THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE TO IT

Global Mechanism

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on the basis of informal consultations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 24/COP.1 and 25/COP.1 on the organization to house the Global Mechanism and agreement on its modalities, and on collaborative institutional arrangements in support of the Global Mechanism, respectively,

Taking note of the reports of the secretariat and of the International Fund for Agricultural Development as the organization housing the Global Mechanism and the joint report of the Fund, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank [1] and of the draft memorandum of understanding with the International Fund for Agricultural Development as the organization housing the International Fund for Agricultural Development/Global Mechanism, [2]

Having considered the report of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism [3] and the report of the current chair of the Facilitation Committee, [4]

1. Notes with concern that the Global Mechanism did not begin operating on 1 January 1998, as indicated by the Conference of the Parties at its first session in its decision 24/COP.1;

2. Notes with appreciation the role played by the United Nations Development Programme in identifying and selecting the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism in consultation with, and his appointment by, the President of IFAD;

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[1] ICCD/COP(2)/4.

[2] ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1.

[3] ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.1.

[4] ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.1.

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3. Also notes with appreciation the efforts made by the International Fund for Agricultural Development to establish the framework for the separate identity of the Global Mechanism within the International Fund for Agricultural Develoment as an organic part of the structure of the Fund, and looks forward to a prompt starting of its activities, in conformity with the provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

4. Further notes with appreciation the role of the Facilitation Committee with its expanded membership in supporting the work of the Global Mechanism and looks forward to the Committee's continued support;

5. Invites the International Fund for Agricultural Development to pursue modalities of collaboration between itself and the community of non-governmental organizations, as well as collaboration with other interested organizations, including the private sector, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session;

6. Requests the Global Mechanism to establish an on-going process for consultation and collaboration with non-governmental organizations as well as with the private sector, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session for consideration and to take appropriate actions;

7. Requests also the Global Mechanism and the Convention secretariat to cooperate in order to avoid duplication and to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention implementation in accordance with their respective roles as contained in the Memorandum of Understanding;

8. Invites the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and, as appropriate, the other members of the Facilitation Committee to nominate focal points for the purpose of liaison with the Global Mechanism;

9. Invites relevant institutions, programmes and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Programme, intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations and regional development banks, as well as all other interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to actively support the activities of the Global Mechanism;

10. Takes note with appreciation of the financial support already provided on a voluntary basis by some country Parties, and reiterates its appeal to Governments, all interested organizations and the private sector to make promptly further voluntary contributions to support the activities and, as appropriate, in addition to the core budget, to support the functioning of the Global Mechanism;

11. Takes note of the first draft of an Operational Strategy and requests the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to complete the development of an Operational Strategy, so as to ensure full consideration of all its main functions including mobilizing and channelling of financial resources as contained in its decision 24/COP(1);

12. Decides to undertake, at its third session, in accordance with article 21, paragraph 7, of the Convention, the first review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism and, on the basis of this review, consider and take appropriate action.

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